



KentuckyHistoricalSociety

## ***TORN WITHIN & THREATENED WITHOUT*** KENTUCKIANS IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA



# Teacher Introduction

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

The HistoryMobile learning experience for 8th grade students is designed to teach critical thinking and historical literacy skills while helping students understand the complex choices Kentuckians faced during the Civil War era. This project-based experience includes pre-visit activities, a visit from the HistoryMobile, and post-visit activities. Teachers may select activities that are most conducive to their academic goals and calendar.

### 1) Pre-Visit Activities

- ❖ Primary Source Document Analysis
- ❖ Introductory Video and Comic Book

### 2) HistoryMobile Visit Activities

- ❖ Exhibit Touring
- ❖ Student Research
- ❖ Class Discussion

### 3) Post-Visit Activities

- ❖ Comic Book Research, Writing, and Drawing (*\*Note: This activity corresponds to Exhibit Touring Strategy #1 as described in the Touring Strategies Document*)

All activities support Common Core English Language Arts and Kentucky's Core Content for Assessment standards.

### ***About the Exhibit:***

*The HistoryMobile exhibit "Torn Within and Threatened Without: Kentuckians and the Civil War Era" features eight Kentuckians ranging from the famous to the everyday citizen. Through personal recollections, primary sources, authentic artifacts and touch-screen activities, students can explore the difficult decisions Kentuckians faced during the Civil War.*